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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: POLISH CLAIM TO CON-
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1. WE DISCUSSED ANTARCTIC TREATY PROBLEM ON MARCH 16
WITH JEAN PONSOLLE OF THE QUAI AMERICAN BUREAU WHO
HANDLES ANTARCTIC QUESTIONS FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
HE SAID THE POLES HAD INFORMED THE FRENCH ALSO ABOUT
THEIR EXPEDITION PLANS. WHILE INDICATING THAT THE
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OFFICIAL FRENCH GOVERNMENT POSITION ON OUR PRESENTATION

COULD BE DETERMINED ONLY AFTER STUDY BY THE SERVICE DES
TERRES AUSTRALES ET ANTARCTIQUES FRANCAISES OF THE
MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS AND TERRITORIES,
PONSOLE GAVE HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE U.S. INTERPRE-
TATION OF ARTICLE VII OF THE ANTARCTIC TREATY IS CON-
SISTENT WITH CURRENT FRENCH VIEWS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER,
THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE TWELVE CON-
TRACTING PARTIES LAST SUMMER ON ESTABLISHING RULES TO
GOVERN INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT IN THE ANTARCTIC, A LARGE
NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WILL PRESS FOR ACCESSION AND CON-
SULTATIVE PRIVILEGES SUCH AS THE POLES HAVE REQUESTED.
HE WONDERED HOW THESE PRESSURES COULD BE RESISTED IN
THE LONG RUN.

2. PONSOLE SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE SENT
FEB. 28 TO FRENCH EMBASSIES IN CAPITALS OF CONSULTATIVE
PARTIES TO THE ANTARCTIC TREATY TO DISCUSS WITH HOST
GOVERNMENTS A SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 29 -
JULY 10 SPECIAL PREPARATORY MEETING IN PARIS FOR THE
NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING. HE ASSUMED THAT THE
DEPARTMENT WOULD DISCUSS THE OBSERVER PROBLEM WITH
FRENCH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES IN CONNECTION WITH TALKS
ON THE PARIS PREPARATORY MEETING AGENDA.
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